



The Inscrutable Question: Sophisticated Spiritual Life: Momentum Testing: Disaster: “Client Nation, Arise!”

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- 1) Disaster testing can be individual or collective. Individual disaster testing can involve the loss of a loved one, the loss of one’s health, or the loss of one’s possessions.
- 2) Collective disaster involves the exigencies associated with downturns in history. For a client nation, disaster testing is the result of spiritual decline by its citizens.
- 3) Disaster according to *Webster’s Ninth*, is an “unforeseen, ruinous, and often sudden misfortune that happens either through lack of foresight or through some hostile external agency.”
- 4) The advanced believer responds to national disaster by placing his confidence in the power of the Word of God and dependence upon its invisible historical impact in the souls of mature believers. His motivation is to therefore intensify his intake of truth.
- 5) Historical disaster is evaluated by the spiritually autonomous believer as proof positive of the undiminished love of God for believers and His desire to shock a client nation into a revival.

“Hall of Shame.” *National Review*, 15 Oct. 2001, 15:

Every war flushes out the disaffected, the disloyal, and the plain creepy, and this one has been no exception.

Early entrants in the creep sweepstakes were the Revs. Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson. Falwell, in an interview on Robertson’s *700 Club*, was discussing the possibility that God had withdrawn His providential protection from the United States. He then said that “the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and the lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People for the American Way—all of them who have tried to secularize America—I point the finger in their face and say, ‘You helped this happen.’”

In the wake of the worst wartime civilian death toll in American history, discussing God’s Providence and possible wrath was hardly inappropriate. Lincoln did the same in the Second Inaugural. But singling out specific sinners—who happened to be Falwell’s regular targets—was as presumptuous as it was idiotic.

Falwell apologized—almost. “I do not know if the horrific events of September 11 are the judgment of God, but if they are, that judgment is on all America—including me and all fellow sinners ...” He weaseled at the end of his statement, though, saying that he “had no intention of being divisive.” Robertson weaseled all the way, claiming that he had not “fully understood” Falwell’s remarks at the time, and that the statements had been taken “out of context” by hostile spinners. The hostile spinners are out there: Liberals have for years called the two ministers ayatollahs. All the more reason for them to speak intelligently.

- 6) Therefore, the Sophisticated Spiritual Life demands that the believer maintain perfect happiness in the midst of the storm; to live in the eye of the hurricane.
- 7) Disaster testing is faced by the spiritually autonomous believer who understands his destiny. Until the Church Age is over, there must always be a client nation. All client nations require the presence of mature believers who can either demonstrate or communicate the knowledge of the Word of God to the next generation.
- 8) Therefore, during times of national disaster the most closely protected individuals are those with maximum doctrine resident in their souls.



- 9) These are the true patriots, for only the believer who is in spiritual maturity is capable of delivering a client nation when it falls under the cycles of discipline and encounters the wrath of God under disaster testing.
- 10) The power of the mature believer in the preservation of a client nation is emphasized in the lyric of this song:

“Client Nation, Arise!”

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O, Client Nation, arise today;
Seek Bible doctrine without delay.
It is the key to prosperity
And deliverance from the fray.

The imputations of God unfurl
Our grace support in the devil’s world,
And hist’ry tells God’s severity
To those harming His priceless pearl.

We are a mighty throng;
We form the Pivot strong.
Thus, Jesus Christ controls hist’ry:
The God of integrity
Preserving our liberty.

We’ll fight to save our land!
“Stand fast,” is God’s command.
And this our rationale shall be:
Through military vict’ry
Is how the Lord keeps us free.

A Client Nation to God implores
Its sons to arm and prepare with swords;
Yet, humble warriors by faith recall
That the battle is still the Lord’s.

And when the conflict is o’re and won;
The foe is vanquished and on the run,
We’ll then assemble here, one and all,
And give credit to God the Son.

A wall of fire surrounds
Where e’er the Word abounds;
You guard the Truth, the Truth guards you;
The justice of God imputes
Maturity’s righteous fruits.

And with our homes secure
We’ll pause, you can be sure,
And lift a cup of kindness to
The Lord of the Armies: True,
And to the red, white, and blue.



So, Client Nation, arise and sing
To Jesus Christ, our Lord and King;
All who are free let your voices swell
In hosannas of thanksgiving.

For He has won us the victory;
We'll reign with Him in eternity;
Hail! Jesus Christ, God of Israel
And the Royal Family.

- 15- Successful management of the four momentum tests brings the believer to spiritual maturity which is defined by a doctrinal inventory characterized by cognitive invincibility.
- 16- This is the rarified atmosphere of the spiritual high ground. The challenges confronted in the Invisible War are incapable of conquering, overcoming, or subduing such a believer.
- 17- The *tour de force* in his arsenal of problem-solving devices is occupation with Christ.